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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Tsutomu OHSHIMO et al Applicant(s):

10/688,342 Serial No. :

October 17, 2003 Filed

SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS For

AND SUBSTRATE TRANSPORTING DEVICE

MOUNTED THERETO

1746 Art Unit

MARKOFF, Alexander Examiner :

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RESPONSE- 37 C.F.R. 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

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SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2006, the term for response to which expires on October 29, 2006.

## ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Invention II (Claims 9 and 10) for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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Diane J. Hegstrom

Dated: October 25, 2006

In the event that this Paper is late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not tendered by credit card payment, authorization to charge the extension fee, or any other fee required in connection with this Paper to Account No. 06-1378.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

October 25, 2006

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